

several important trunks radiate, with Herefordshire, passing through Newent, Dimock and Ledbury, thus bringing railways from the Metropolis into the very heart of this fertile and rich country.

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The Grand Junction rail road from Birmingham to Warrington, will be a work presenting less difficulties, and attended with a more limited investment of capital. The country through which it passes is less intersected by ridges and other inequalities; although here also a considerable extent of cuttings and embankments must necessarily be made. As a commercial speculation, it is needless to say that it presents the fairest prospects of a successful issue; indeed, the formation of the Birmingham and London line rendered the Grand Junction line inevitable. Thus, the whole Kingdom from London, in a northwesterly direction to Liverpool, will be traversed by this great artery of communication; producing an interchange of benefits, physical and moral, commercial, social, and political, the importance and amount of which it would be impossible to estimate or predict.

The formation of this great line of cheap and rapid communication has rendered the construction of similar means of intercourse in other directions inevitable; otherwise the benefits of the Metropolitan market would be almost exclusively conferred upon those agricultural and manufacturing producers whose good fortune might place them in its neighborhood. In their own defence, therefore landed proprietors and capitalists in every part of the country must exert themselves; for whatever doubts they may have formerly entertained as to the expediency of constructing such means of communication with the Metropolis, they can hardly any longer hesitate as to what they should now do; unless they desire to see themselves cut off from the benefits arising from the production of articles which cannot be transported on turnpike roads or ~~canals, in competition with rail roads.~~ ~~We find, accord-~~